Implementation of M/s. Jessop, RBL Sanctioned Schemes

1592. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BIFR referred cases of M/s. Jessop, RBL sanctioned schemes are under implementation;

(b) if so, whether change of promoter without the approval of the BIFR is not violation of SICA; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India while conveying it's views/ comments on the Draft Rehabilitation Schemes (DRSs) of Jessop and RBL, had informed the BIFR about the intention of the Government to convert Jessop and RBL into Joint Venture enterprise after implementation of the schemes. Revival schemes of Jessop and RBL were sanctioned after taking into consideration the views/comments of all concerned parties, including the Government of India.

Revival of TCIL

1593. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Kolkatay Tyre Corporation Bandha Holo Na Mamatar Apatite" which appeared in 'BARTMAN', Calcutta, dated 13th June, 2000 regarding revival of Tyre Corporation of India Limited (TCIL);

(b) whether BIFR in its order dated 8th June, 2000 has asked for difinite views of Government on the Draft Revival Scheme by 27th June, 2000 failing which TCIL would be either sold or closed; and

(c) if so, Government's response to the aforesaid order with

regard to IRP Unit at Tangra in Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Govt, has conveyed its views on the Draft Revival Scheme of Tyre Corp. of India Ltd. on 27.6.2000 to BIFR. It provides for, in principle, approval for certain reliefs and concessions for financial and capital restructuring of the company for the purpose of exploration of the possibility of forming Joint Venture(s) through strategic sale(s) which *inter alia* includes winding up/closure of IRP (Tangra) unit and offering Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) to the employees.

Dues of Workers/Staff of PSUs

1594. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received several representations /memoranda /requests to clear the dues (i.e. wages, provident fund, gratuities etc.) of the workers /staff of Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the names of defaulter companies; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that he is trying very hard to clear the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There were 68 Public Sector Undertakings which have defaulted in the payment of wages, provident fund, gratuities etc. The names of defaulter companies are given in the enclosed statement, (see below). The Government has already set up a Group of Ministers to examine and recommend to the Government the manner in which the dues may be cleared.